EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

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SUMMARY: Unemployment rose sharply in April and employment declined. The April unemployment rate was 4.0 percent, up from 3.5 percent in March.

The number of unemployed increased by 2,470 to 18,100. Unemployment increases were particularly large in construction (notably the Seabrook Nuclear Power project) and in manufacturing.

A year ago, there were 12,300 jobless workers representing 2.9 percent of the labor force. Unadjusted national rates were 6.6 percent in April and 5.5 percent a year ago.

The civilian labor force declined by 980 in April to 449,920. Although the number of job losers exceeded the rise in unemployment, many of them withdrew from the State's labor force.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers rose to 242.5 in April (1967=100), up 14.7 percent from a year ago. The index rose 1.1 percent in April, compared with a 1.4 percent increase the previous month.

The index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, which covers about half the population increased 1.1 percent in April and stood at 242.6 percent of the 1967 average, up 14.5 percent from a year earlier.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Nonagricultural payroll employment declined by 3,800 in April to 380,650. The decline was concentrated in the services producing sector. In the goods-producing sector manufacturing fell by 450 and construction dropped by 900. Manufacturing firms providing components to the automobile industry have experienced order cutbacks. High interest rates and tight money caused a layoff of more than 2,000 workers at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. Construction has lost 2,750 jobs since January.

In the services producing sector, employment fell by 550 in trades; an additional 1,750 job decline occurred in the service industries. Local government dropped 500 in April, but Federal government added 400 due primarily to the hiring of temporary workers for the 1980 census.

Over-the-year growth dropped sharply in April with a 7,200 job gain (1.9 percent) compared to 12,150 (3.3 percent in March).

The table on the next page illustrates comparative growth rates of the New England states and the nation. Although the region as a whole experienced a slightly lower rate of growth than the national average, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont all exceeded the national rate.

Growth rates in manufacturing exceeded the national average in all New England states except Rhode Island. The proportion of workers in manufacturing declined nationally from 23.9 percent in 1977 to 23.4 percent in 1979. In the New England Region the proportion was nearly constant (28.3 and 28.2 percent respectively). In Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, nearly one-third of all nonagricultural jobs are in manufacturing.

Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls, New England States
1977 - 1979

Area	Total			Percent Change	Manufacturing			Percent Change
State	1977	1978	1979	1977-79	1977	1978	1979	1977-79
U.S.	82,423.0	86,446.0	89,482.0	8.6	19,682.0	20,476.0	20,972.0	6.6
N.E.	4,972.4	5,225.9	5,390.7	8.4	1,407.2	1,471.2	1,518.5	7.9
Conn.	1,282.3	1,346.1	1,400.9	9.2	406.7	415.6	435.1	7.0
Maine	387.8	405.6	416.3	7.3	105.9	111.3	114.0	7.6
Mass.	2,405.1	2,526.5	2,598.9	8.1	621.0	652.4	670.3	7.9
N.H.	337.1*	361.3*	377.4*	12.0	101.4	109.8	116.0	14.4
R.I.	381.7	395.8	400.0	4.8	128.8	134.4	132.3	2.7
VT.	178.4	190.6	197.2	10.5	43.4	47.7	50.8	17.1

*Excludes Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Source: Employment and Earnings, May 1980. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	April 1980	March 1980	April 1979	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force*	449,920	450,900	431,270	-980	18,650
2. Unemployment	18,100	15,630	12,300	2,470	5,800
Percent of labor force	4.0	3.5	2.9	xx	xx
3. Employment total	431,820	435,270	418,970	-3,450	12,850
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagr. wage & salary**	380,650	384,450	373,450	-3,800	7,200
Manufacturing	115,800	116,250	115,950	-450	-150
Durable goods	72,050	72,250	69,850	-200	2,200
Lumber & wood prods.	4,850	5,050	5,000	-200	-150
Furniture & fixtures	1,750	1,750	1,950	0	-200
Stone & clay prods.	2,900	2,850	3,100	50	-200
Primary metal prods.	3,450	3,450	3,200	0	250
Fabricated metal prods.	7,200	7,250	7,100	-50	100
Machinery (exc. elec.)	22,400	22,300	20,950	100	1,450
Electrical prods.	18,950	19,000	18,200	-50	750
Miscellaneous prods.	2,050	2,050	1,900	0	150
Other durable goods	8,500	8,500	8,450	-50	50
Nondurable goods	43,750	44,000	46,100	-250	-2,350
Food & kindred prods.	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Textile mill prods.	4,900	5,000	5,400	-100	-500
Apparel	2,800	2,850	2,800	-50	0
Paper & allied prods.	6,550	6,600	6,550	-50	0
Print., pub. & allied	5,850	5,850	5,950	0	-100
Leather & lea. prods.	9,950	10,000	11,000	-50	-1,050
Other nondurable goods	10,800	10,800	11,400	0	-600
Nonmanufacturing	264,850	268,300	257,500	-3,450	7,350
Construction (inc. min.)	19,600	20,500	18,800	-900	800
Trans., comm. & util	13,700	13,750	13,300	-50	400
Trade	82,450	83,000	80,400	-550	2,050
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,400	19,500	18,300	-100	1,100
Service industry & other	66,000	67,750	64,000	-1,750	2,000
Government	63,700	63,800	62,700	-100	1,000
Federal	12,100	11,700	11,450	400	650
State	17,000	17,000	16,350	0	650
Local	34,600	35,100	34,900	-500	-300

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
Benchmark March 1979

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	April 1980		April 1979		April			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1980	1979	Unemployment	Labor Force
New Hampshire	18,100	4.0	12,300	2.9	449,920	431,270	5,800	18,650
Labor Market Area								
Berlin	1,200	6.8	1,390	7.9	17,570	17,580	-190	- 10
Claremont	1,180	3.3	870	2.5	35,290	34,220	310	1,070
Concord	1,330	3.2	920	2.3	41,220	39,840	410	1,380
Dover	2,120	4.7	1,240	2.8	45,410	43,700	880	1,710
Keene	1,030	2.8	730	2.1	36,180	34,840	300	1,340
Laconia	1,320	3.5	920	2.5	38,090	36,600	400	1,490
Littleton	1,120	8.5	600	4.8	13,180	12,580	520	600
Manchester	3,340	4.1	2,190	2.8	80,820	78,420	1,150	2,400
Nashua	2,620	3.5	1,820	2.6	75,370	70,100	800	5,270
Portsmouth	1,870	4.5	970	2.4	41,800	39,850	900	1,950
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA**	970	3.9	650	2.8	24,990	23,540	320	1,450
County								
Belknap	720	3.7	480	2.6	19,380	18,590	240	790
Carroll	590	4.9	330	2.9	11,920	11,420	260	500
Cheshire	920	2.9	670	2.2	32,260	31,090	250	1,170
Coos	1,110	7.0	1,400	8.7	15,890	16,040	-290	-150
Grafton	1,510	4.8	980	3.2	31,410	30,300	530	1,110
Hillsborough	5,450	3.9	3,630	2.8	139,300	131,940	1,820	7,360
Merrimack	1,540	3.2	1,070	2.3	47,610	46,030	470	1,580
Rockingham	3,650	3.9	2,180	2.5	92,670	88,590	1,470	4,080
Strafford	1,900	4.6	1,100	2.8	41,290	39,730	800	1,560
Sullivan	710	3.9	460	2.6	18,190	17,540	250	650

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.

Employment Service Activity

Item	April 1980	March 1980	October 1979 to April 1980
Total applications for employment	5,585	5,013	52,190
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,141	2,049	13,798
Placements - job openings filled	1,588	1,240	8,865
Job openings unfilled end of month *	1,392	1,487	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,588	1,240	8,865
Berlin	81	57	594
Claremont	74	70	469
Concord	164	219	890
Dover	171	136	904
Keene	128	87	708
Laconia	130	106	686
Littleton	69	55	388
Manchester	347	180	1,698
Nashua	214	151	1,110
Portsmouth	210	179	1,418

* Includes part-time, seasonal and other openings

At the end of April, the number of active registered applicants on file at New Hampshire Job Service Offices was 18,518 of which 5,585 were new applicants and renewals. Thirty four percent of the active file were female while 19 percent and 22 percent of the active file were under 22 and over 45 years of age respectively. Fourteen percent of the active applicants were economically disadvantaged. By highest school grade completed, 67 percent of the applicants had 12 or more years of formal education or its equivalent. Veterans accounted for 22 percent of the active applicants with 41 percent of these from the Vietnam War Era.

Nonagricultural employer visits increased three percent from last month to 389 during April. From a year ago, these visits decreased by 166 or 30 percent. Visits to major market employers were down 18 percent from the previous month but gained 15 percent from a year ago leveling off at 122 in April 1980.

Counseling services at 527 increased by 17 or 3.3 from March and also increased by 116 or 28 percent from a year ago. Job development contacts at 812 decreased by 109 from last month and increased by 192 or 31 percent from a year ago. Job Service personnel made four job referrals for each placement recorded. Activity in job placements increased over the year in all the local offices except Dover, Keene, and Portsmouth.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	7,421	34,423	46	104	17	81	104	645
Berlin	709	3,951	2	26		4	3	49
Claremont	279	1,563	3	19	1	5	8	34
Concord	462	2,653	1	8	5	20	10	23
Dover	1,063	5,108	17	64	2	2	13	116
Keene	275	1,818	2	9			4	37
Laconia	541	3,233	2	24		5	1	31
Littleton	681	2,370		13	6	36	6	56
Manchester	1,605	7,170	3	32		2	3	26
Nashua	769	2,792	1	7	2	1	16	82
Portsmouth	996	3,765	15	45	1		15	56
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	822	2,954				6	25	135
Local Government	28	75	5	15			5	7

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $86.63.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	March 1980	March 1979	Percent change
Total - all industries	7,451	5,689	31.0
Manufacturing	1,932	1,960	- 1.4
Durable goods	783	504	55.4
Electrical products	122	84	45.2
Machinery	63	82	- 23.2
Lumber & wood pds.	188	124	52.0
All other durable	410	214	92.0
Nondurable goods	1,149	1,456	- 21.1
Leather & lea. pds.	513	473	8.5
Textiles	124	333	- 63.0
Paper & paper prods.	50	73	- 32.0
Printing & allied	50	27	85.2
Apparel	45	86	- 48.0
Rubber & plastic pds.	333	426	- 22.0
Other nondurable	34	38	- 11.0
Nonmanufacturing	5,519	3,729	48.0
Construction	3,226	2,228	45.0
Trade	966	638	51.4
Services	774	518	49.4
All other nonmfg.	553	345	60.3

The number of total insured unemployed decreased 25 from February to 7,451 in March. The major decreases were in leather and leather products (87), services (49) and rubber and plastic products (32). Construction and lumber and wood products had increases of 84 and 67 in the number of insured unemployed from the previous month. Twenty-eight percent or 2,076 of the insured unemployed were out of work for 1-4 weeks duration while another 55 percent were out of work for 5-14 weeks. Seventy-one percent were under 45 years of age, of which females accounted for approximately 24 percent. Nonmanufacturing accounted for 74 percent of the insured unemployed with construction contributing 58 percent of that total. In March, structural led all occupational categories with 2,656 (36 percent) due to a slow-down in construction. Miscellaneous had (1,267), clerical (979) and benchwork (887).

Fund Balance: There was $76,099,656.02 in the Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of March. Net contributions amounted to $147,554.42 and net benefits paid during the month amounted to $2,154,127.01.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979
ufacturing	4.5	4.2	6.3	3.8	3.3	4.8	4.5	4.7	6.1	2.9	2.7	4.1	0.7	1.2	1.1
rable goods	4.0	3.4	4.8	3.5	3.0	4.3	3.5	3.4	4.7	2.5	2.3	3.6	0.3	0.4	0.3
mbr. & wood pds.															
urn. & fixtures	5.2	4.5	6.3	4.8	4.2	5.9	3.8	6.8	7.2	3.1	3.8	5.7	0.2	1.5	*
tone & clay pds.	6.9	3.8	5.8	5.0	2.4	4.6	5.3	4.3	5.6	4.2	2.6	4.3	0.1	1.2	*
rim. metal pds.	4.0	2.6	5.5	4.0	2.6	4.9	3.6	2.0	6.3	2.5	1.9	5.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
ab. metal pds.	5.3	4.1	4.6	5.3	3.6	4.2	3.7	3.4	4.3	3.0	2.4	3.5	0.2	0.4	0.1
lectrical pds.	4.5	3.9	5.7	4.0	3.6	5.3	4.0	4.1	5.2	3.1	3.0	4.3	0.1	0.3	0.1
isc. prods.	5.6	6.2	8.9	4.6	5.6	8.2	5.4	6.4	7.0	3.6	5.0	4.7	0.1	*	0.9
ach. & other	2.9	2.4	3.4	2.6	2.1	3.2	2.7	2.3	3.7	1.7	1.4	2.4	0.3	0.1	0.5
ndurable goods	5.3	5.5	8.6	4.2	3.8	5.6	6.2	6.9	8.4	3.8	3.3	5.0	1.3	2.6	2.4
ood & kindred	2.9	3.5	6.3	2.5	3.1	5.6	3.2	4.1	8.6	2.4	3.2	4.1	0.3	0.5	4.0
extile mill pds.															
pparel	7.0	5.5	14.7	6.1	4.0	5.0	0.2	6.5	15.4	4.9	3.8	5.1	1.8	1.0	8.8
aper & allied	2.0	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.7	2.0	0.8	0.7	1.6	*	0.6	*
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ea. & lea. pds.	7.7	7.7	9.8	6.5	7.2	7.0	9.9	12.0	9.4	7.1	6.1	7.3	1.9	4.6	1.3
Lea. tan & fin.	4.1	3.6	10.2	4.1	3.6	5.0	4.1	2.5	8.3	3.6	1.4	7.6	0.1	*	0.3
Footwear	9.1	8.6	9.9	7.4	8.0	7.2	10.8	14.4	9.8	7.2	6.5	7.3	2.4	6.5	1.6
ther nondurable	5.1	7.4	8.4	3.3	2.0	7.4	5.3	7.0	5.7	2.5	2.4	5.1	1.8	3.8	0.2

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Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979
All manufacturing	$227.37	$224.36	$210.40	40.1	39.5	40.0	$5.67	$5.68	$5.26
Durable goods	232.47	230.00	215.33	40.5	40.0	40.4	5.74	5.75	5.33
Lumber & wood pds.	189.35	185.15	178.41	37.2	35.2	38.7	5.09	5.26	4.61
Furniture & fixtures	193.76	193.60	192.63	40.2	40.0	40.3	4.82	4.84	4.78
Stone & clay pds.	240.54	247.01	208.00	40.7	41.1	40.0	5.91	6.01	5.20
Primary metal pds.	252.74	252.43	236.56	43.5	43.9	44.3	5.81	5.75	5.34
Fab. metal prods.	229.90	221.80	212.86	41.8	40.4	40.7	5.50	5.49	5.23
Mach. (exc. elec.)	254.10	256.34	232.54	42.0	42.3	41.6	6.05	6.06	5.59
Electrical prods.	224.53	218.66	209.08	39.6	38.7	39.3	5.67	5.65	5.32
Miscellaneous pds.	179.71	176.53	165.43	38.4	37.8	36.6	4.68	4.67	4.52
Other durable	242.14	239.29	227.93	39.5	39.1	4.02	6.13	6.12	5.67
Nondurable goods	218.28	214.62	203.94	39.4	38.6	39.6	5.54	5.56	5.15
Food & kindred pds.	286.96	290.47	379.36	39.8	39.9	42.2	7.21	7.28	6.62
Textile mill prods.	186.90	185.96	173.36	39.1	38.5	39.4	4.78	4.83	4.40
Apparel	160.33	151.66	152.35	37.2	35.6	36.8	4.31	4.26	4.14
Paper & allied pds.	205.23	305.58	202.02	46.6	46.3	47.1	6.55	6.60	6.20
Print.,pub. & allied	247.43	244.77	237.94	39.4	39.1	39.2	6.28	6.26	6.07
Leather & lea. prods.	162.44	159.25	154.76	35.7	35.0	36.5	4.55	4.55	4.24
Lea. tan. & fin.	257.29	261.44	256.38	41.1	42.1	44.9	6.26	6.21	5.71
Footwear	154.26	149.98	143.82	35.3	34.4	35.6	4.37	4.36	4.04
Other nondurable	227.70	223.69	208.43	39.6	38.5	39.4	5.75	5.81	5.29

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 311 cooperating establishments representing 61 percent of an estimated 85,290 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including April 12, 1980. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Note: Data for April are on a preliminary basis.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production workers in New Hampshire factories dropped one cent in April to $5.67 but were 7.8 percent above a year ago. Average weekly earnings went up $2.61 over the month to $227.37 and were 8.1 percent above April 1979. The average workweek rose 0.6 hour to 40.1 hours, reversing the trend of recent months when hours of work fell from 41.1 hours in December to 39.5 in March.

Durable goods workers averaged an over-the-year increase in hourly earnings of 41 cents (7.7 percent). A slightly longer workweek resulted a in a rise in weekly earnings of $17.14, or 8.0 percent. In nondurables, average hourly earnings rose 39 cents (7.6 percent). Because of a 0.2 hour drop in the workweek, average weekly earnings rose 7.0 percent, or $14.34.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers					
Revised Index					
Current month - April	242.6				
Percent in 12 months	14.5				
Year Average		217.7	195.3	181.5	170.5
Percent increase each year		11.5	7.6	6.5	5.8
All Urban Consumers					
New Index					
Current month - April	242.5				
Percent in 12 months	14.7				
Year average		217.4	195.4		
Percent increase each year		11.3	7.7		

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SUMMARY: Unemployment rose 960 in May to 19,080 and employment continued to rise. The jobless rate was 4.1 percent, up from 4.0 in April and 3.5 in March. The current unemployment rate is the highest since July 1978. In May 1979, the jobless count was 12,250, or 2.8 percent. Unadjusted national rates were 7.0 percent this year and 5.2 percent a year ago.

The number of unemployed increased 960 to 19,080 in May, up 6,830 from a year ago. Layoffs in manufacturing were significant in May and the number of new entrants and reentrants unable to find work increased. The civilian labor force rose 11,770 over the month to 464,300.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers rose to 244.9 in May (1967=100), up 14.4 percent from a year ago. The Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers stood at 245.1 in May, up 14.4 percent over the year.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Nonfarm payroll employment in the State rose 4,150, reaching 385,600 in May. Despite the largely seasonal increase, the pace in job growth since mid-1979 has been lagging behind the same period last year.

Normally, construction employment continues its' spring pickup at this time of year but a hiring lag by general building contractors and the current downturn in the industry held over-the-month gains to less than half of seasonal expectations. This coupled with a reduced workforce at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Project brought employment below the year ago level.

Services rose seasonally, increasing 1,550 in May due to increases in hotels and other lodging places and business services. Sizable monthly gains occurred in trade (1,800), the result of expansion in eating and drinking places and retail building materials and gardening supplies.

In manufacturing, employment fell 800 in May to 114,950. Durable goods dropped 150, mostly in lumber and wood products. Nondurable goods declined 650.

Compared to a year ago, nonfarm employment had grown by 6,550. Expansion continued to be widespread despite the recent slowdown in some industries.

Manufacturing fell by 1,150 because of job losses in the nondurable goods group (down 3,000). Durable goods added 1,850 jobs over the year with most of the expansion in machinery.

Wholesale and retail trade increased 2,150 with over three-fourths of these jobs created by the retail sector. Expansion was noted in restaurants and other retail businesses with the exception of automobile dealers and gasoline service stations.

The major job gain since 1979 was 2,250 in services as additional workers were added in medical and health, business, and other services. Government rose by 2,050 from May 1979. The federal sector increased this year as numerous workers were needed for the 1980 census enumeration. State government was up significantly due to state colleges.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force*	464,300	452,530	443,260	11,770	21,040
2. Unemployment	19,080	18,120	12,250	960	6,830
Percent of labor force	4.1	4.0	2.8	xx	xx
3. Employment total	445,220	434,410	430,885	10,810	14,335
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	125	0	-125
Nonagr. wage & salary**	385,600	381,450	379,050	4,150	6,550
Manufacturing	114,950	115,750	116,100	-800	-1,150
Durable goods	71,900	72,050	70,050	-150	1,850
Lumber & wood prods.	4,750	4,850	5,000	-100	-250
Furniture & fixtures	1,750	1,750	1,850	0	-100
Stone & clay prods.	2,900	2,900	3,150	0	-250
Primary metal prods.	3,450	3,450	3,300	0	150
Fabricated metal prods.	7,150	7,200	6,950	-50	200
Machinery (exc. elec.)	22,450	22,400	21,100	50	1,350
Electrical prods.	18,900	18,950	18,250	-50	650
Miscellaneous prods.	2,050	2,050	1,950	0	100
Other durable goods	8,500	8,500	8,500	0	0
Nondurable goods	43,050	43,700	46,050	-650	-3,000
Food & kindred prods.	2,900	2,900	3,150	0	-250
Textile mill prods.	4,750	4,900	5,450	-150	0700
Apparel	2,800	2,800	2,750	0	50
Paper & allied prods.	6,550	6,550	6,300	0	250
Print., pub. & allied	5,900	5,850	5,950	50	-50
Leather & lea. prods.	10,050	9,950	10,950	100	-900
Other nondurable goods	10,100	10,750	11,500	-650	-1,400
Nonmanufacturing	270,650	265,700	262,950	4,950	7,700
Construction (inc. min.)	20,600	19,600	20,900	1,000	-300
Trans., comm. & util	13,850	13,750	13,500	100	350
Trade	84,750	82,950	82,600	1,800	2,150
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,700	19,450	18,500	250	1,200
Service industry & other	67,600	66,060	65,350	1,550	2,250
Government	64,150	63,900	62,100	250	2,050
Federal	12,300	12,150	11,450	150	850
State	16,900	17,050	15,500	-150	1,400
Local	34,950	34,700	35,150	250	-200

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
Benchmark: March 1979

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	May 1980		May 1979		May			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1980	1979	Unemployment	Labor Force
United States**	7,318	7.0	5,253	5.2	104,028	101,473	2,065	2,555
New Hampshire	19,080	4.1	12,250	2.8	464,300	443,260	6,830	21,040
Labor Market Area								
Berlin	1,110	6.1	1,100	6.2	18,210	17,650	10	560
Claremont	1,680	4.5	850	2.4	37,350	35,430	830	1,920
Concord	1,480	3.5	700	1.7	42,790	40,930	780	1,860
Dover	2,620	5.6	1,740	3.9	46,640	44,370	880	2,270
Keene	1,170	3.1	750	2.1	38,100	36,260	420	1,840
Laconia	1,500	3.7	710	1.8	40,920	38,710	790	2,210
Littleton	930	6.9	510	4.0	13,400	12,800	420	600
Manchester	3,240	4.0	1,970	2.5	80,960	78,740	1,270	2,220
Nashua	2,570	3.4	1,630	2.3	76,030	71,410	940	4,620
Portsmouth	1,710	3.8	1,710	4.0	44,530	43,280	0	1,250
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA***	1,070	4.2	590	2.5	25,370	23,690	480	1,680
County								
Belknap	820	3.9	340	1.7	20,780	19,580	480	1,200
Carroll	590	4.7	260	2.2	12,550	11,810	330	740
Cheshire	1,050	3.1	660	2.0	33,980	32,320	390	1,660
Coos	950	5.8	1,110	6.9	16,350	16,080	-160	270
Grafton	1,590	4.8	880	2.8	32,950	31,380	710	1,570
Hillsborough	5,310	3.8	3,300	2.5	140,360	133,770	2,010	6,590
Merrimack	1,750	3.5	820	1.7	49,620	47,400	930	2,220
Rockingham	3,600	3.8	2,800	3.0	95,970	92,330	800	3,640
Strafford	2,400	5.7	1,590	3.9	42,450	40,380	810	2,070
Sullivan	1,020	5.3	490	2.7	19,290	18,210	530	1,080

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** In thousands not seasonally adjusted

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.

Employment Service Activity

Item	May 1980	April 1980	October 1979 to May 1980
Total applications for employment	5,846	5,585	58,036
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,227	2,141	16,025
Placements - job openings filled	1,238	1,588	10,103
Job openings unfilled end of month*	1,482	1,392	xxxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,238	1,588	10,103
Berlin	35	81	629
Claremont	84	74	553
Concord	119	164	1,009
Dover	71	171	975
Keene	130	128	838
Laconia	122	130	808
Littleton	81	69	469
Manchester	242	347	1,940
Nashua	146	214	1,256
Portsmouth	208	210	1,626

*Includes part-time, seasonal and other openings

At the end of May, the number of active applicants on file at New Hampshire Job Service Offices was 19,773 of which 5,846 were new applicants or renewals. Thirty seven percent of the active file were female, and the under 22 and over 45 year old categories accounted for 22 percent and 20 percent respectively. Fourteen percent of the applicants were economically disadvantaged. By highest school grade completed, 67 percent of the applicants had 12 or more years of formal education or its equivalent. Veterans comprised 21 percent of the active applicants with 41 percent of these from the Vietnam War Era.

Placements decreased in all offices except Claremont, Keene and Littleton for a total reduction in placements of 350. The Manchester and Dover local offices accounted for 59 percent of the decrease. The number of unfilled job openings at the end of May increased by 90 from April to 1,482. Approximately 39 percent of the openings filled were in trade and services, 36 percent in manufacturing and nine percent in construction. Thirty-one percent of the placements were in the clerical and sales occupational category, 14 percent in structural, and 13 percent in services.

Counseling services at 538 increased by 11 or 2.1 percent from April and also increased by 147 or 38 percent from a year ago. Job development contacts at 869 increased by 57 from last month but decreased by 18 or 2 percent from a year ago. Job Service personnel made five job referrals for each placement recorded. Activity in job placements decreased over the year in all the local offices except Keene, Manchester and Nashua.

Nonagricultural employer visits increased 15 percent from last month to 449 during May but decreased from a year ago by 68 or 13 percent. Visits to major market employers were up 30 percent from the previous month and remained unchanged from a year ago leveling off at 158 in May 1980.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	6,602	35,886	22	176	9	66	87	550
Berlin	340	3,874	2	12		2	6	58
Claremont	385	1,391	1	17			8	24
Concord	821	2,747	2	4	5	18	7	30
Dover	1,408	6,167	2	50		2	14	115
Keene	322	1,590	1	8		9	1	46
Laconia	415	3,329	1	12	3	26	8	44
Littleton	232	2,584		11		1	4	29
Manchester	1,562	6,812	6	25	1	4	20	56
Nashua	564	2,877	1	7			6	47
Portsmouth	553	4,515	6	30		4	13	101
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	468	3,321	5	10			2	12
Local Government	9	60						

The average weekly benefit amount for a week of total unemployment was $87.12 in May.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	April 1980	April 1979	Percent change
Total - all industries	7,961	4,820	65.2
Manufacturing	2,383	1,356	75.7
Durable goods	757	584	29.6
Electrical products	129	167	-22.8
Machinery	80	82	-2.4
Lumber & wood pds.	199	170	17.1
All other durable	349	165	111.5
Nondurable goods	1,626	772	110.6
Leather & lea. pds.	879	351	150.4
Textiles	146	39	274.4
Paper & paper prods.	95	116	-18.1
Printing & allied	70	20	250.0
Apparel	66	92	-28.3
Rubber & plastic pds.	315	120	162.5
Other nondurable	55	34	61.8
Nonmanufacturing	5,578	3,464	61.0
Construction	3,086	1,601	92.8
Trade	1,139	786	44.9
Services	877	737	19.0
All other nonmfg.	476	340	40.0

These insured unemployed are based on a 30 percent sample of total and partial weeks of unemployment claimed for the week including April 12, 1980. Insured unemployed increased 510 from March to 7,961 in April of which 2,516 or 32 percent were female, compared to a year ago, insured unemployed increased 3,141 or 65 percent. Fifty-four percent or 4,287 of the insured unemployed were out of work for 1-4 weeks duration while 27 percent were out of work for 5-14 weeks duration. Approximately 34 percent were between the ages of 25 and 34. Overall, almost three quarters were under 45 years of age. Nonmanufacturing contained 70 percent of the insured unemployed of which construction accounted for 39 percent. In April structural led all occupational categories with 2,634 or 33 percent followed by benchwork (1,213), miscellaneous (1,082), clerical and sales (1,006) and professional, technical and managerial (670).

FUND BALANCE: There was $78,596,840.01 in the Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of April, Net contributions amounted to $3,406,621.37 and net benefits paid during the month amounted to $2,382,427.21. Interest credited during the period was $1,472,989.83.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979
Manufacturing	4.5	4.6	5.6	3.5	3.9	4.8	5.4	4.5	5.4	2.9	3.0	3.7	1.6	0.7	0.8
Durable goods	3.2	4.0	4.6	2.9	3.6	4.2	3.5	3.5	4.2	2.2	2.5	3.2	0.6	0.2	0.2
Lmbr. & wood pds.	**														
Furn. & fixtures	**	5.1	5.9	**	4.7	5.7	**	3.8	6.3	**	3.1	4.5	**	0.2	0.7
Stone & clay pds.	6.6	6.8	7.2	6.1	4.9	6.4	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.0	4.2	4.7	*	0.2	*
Prim. metal pds.	3.3	4.0	5.4	3.2	4.0	5.4	2.8	3.6	3.9	1.9	2.5	3.2	0.2	0.2	*
Fab. metal pds.	3.0	5.5	6.1	2.8	5.3	5.7	5.4	3.7	5.4	2.2	3.0	3.9	2.7	0.2	0.4
Electrical pds.	4.1	4.5	5.1	3.7	4.0	4.7	4.1	4.0	5.3	2.7	3.1	4.0	0.6	0.1	0.3
Misc. prods.	51.	5.6	7.8	4.2	4.5	7.8	6.2	5.3	5.9	4.9	3.6	4.8	0.1	0.1	*
Mach. & other	2.2	2.9	3.0	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.1	2.7	2.6	1.3	1.7	1.8	0.1	0.3	0.2
Nondurable goods	6.7	5.5	7.2	4.6	4.4	5.7	8.7	6.3	7.2	4.3	3.9	4.5	3.4	1.4	1.7
Food & kindred	4.3	3.8	5.2	4.1	3.8	4.8	13.6	3.4	6.4	3.9	2.7	5.0	9.0	0.3	0.8
Textile mill pds.& Apparel	6.5	6.6	8.7	5.3	5.8	5.6	9.2	8.7	9.3	5.1	4.8	4.7	2.4	1.7	2.7
Paper & allied	1.1	2.0	1.7	0.9	1.2	1.6	2.0	1.2	3.6	1.1	0.8	1.6	0.3	*	1.6
Prt.pub.&allied	**														
Lea. & lea. pds.	9.8	8.4	10.3	8.7	7.1	8.7	9.9	10.9	9.2	7.2	7.6	6.7	1.7	2.3	1.7
Lea. tan & fin.	3.9	4.1	7.8	3.9	4.1	7.5	5.7	4.1	7.1	4.6	3.6	6.1	*	0.1	0.2
Footwear	10.8	9.9	11.0	9.3	8.1	9.3	10.7	12.1	9.2	7.5	7.9	6.9	2.2	2.9	1.4
Other nondurable	8.3	5.1	7.8	3.1	3.3	5.9	10.9	5.3	6.9	3.4	2.5	4.5	6.5	1.8	1.2

*Less than 0.05 rate. **Not published inadequate sample

Hiring activity in New Hampshire factories edged down in April and separations moved up. The total accession rate dropped from 4.6 to 4.5 per 100 workers. The rise in recalls was not sufficient to offset the 3.9 to 3.5 drop in the new hire rate. Accessions fell sharply in durable goods, from 4.0 to 3.2 per 100 workers. All published durable goods industries shared in the reduced hiring activity.

Nondurable goods showed an opposite trend with accessions rising from 5.5 to 6.7 per 100. Most of this rise was due to recalls of workers on temporary layoff to adjust inventories. In general, hiring activity in all manufacturing was below the year ago levels.

The rate of separations increased over the month from 4.5 to 5.4 per 100, significantly higher than the 4.5 accession rate. The layoff rate was up substantially in April (1.6 persons out of 100 received layoff notices). Fabricated metal products, food, textiles and apparel, and the other nondurable group (principally rubber and plastics) had layoff rates of more than 2.0 per 100.

The total separation rate this year at 5.4 per 100 workers was the same as a year ago. However, quits were down substantially, from 3.7 to 2.9 and the layoff rate doubled, from 0.8 to 1.6.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979
All manufacturing	$230.17	$227.37	$209.89	40.1	40.1	39.8	$5.74	$5.67	$5.27
Durable goods	236.70	232.47	216.47	40.6	40.5	40.3	5.83	5.74	5.37
Lumber & wood pds.	189.74	190.37	176.78	36.7	37.4	38.1	5.17	5.09	4.64
Furniture & fixtures	201.38	195.62	190.88	40.6	40.5	40.7	4.96	4.83	4.69
Stone & clay pds.	266.28	239.95	227.40	42.2	40.6	40.9	6.31	5.91	5.56
Primary metal pds.	256.94	252.74	229.52	44.3	43.5	42.9	5.80	5.81	5.35
Fab. metal prods.	234.32	229.90	219.30	41.4	41.8	41.3	5.66	5.50	5.31
Mach. (exc. elec.)	258.72	253.91	235.19	42.0	41.9	41.7	6.16	6.06	5.64
Electrical prods.	226.06	224.14	208.68	39.8	39.6	39.3	5.68	5.66	5.31
Miscellaneous pds.	188.75	179.71	168.91	38.6	38.4	36.8	4.89	4.68	4.59
Other durable	243.32	242.14	223.34	39.5	39.5	39.6	6.16	6.13	5.64
Nondurable goods	218.34	218.28	200.58	39.2	39.4	39.1	5.57	5.54	5.13
Food & kindred pds.	314.16	295.94	278.56	40.8	40.1	41.7	7.70	7.38	6.68
Textile mill prods.	190.12	186.90	174.54	38.8	39.1	39.4	4.90	4.78	4.43
Apparel	161.88	160.33	154.91	37.3	37.2	37.6	4.34	4.31	4.12
Paper & allied pds.	307.01	305.23	283.63	46.8	46.6	45.6	6.56	6.55	6.22
Print.,pub. & allied	243.04	244.61	226.91	38.7	39.2	38.2	6.28	6.24	5.94
Leather & lea. prods.	159.81	162.63	150.12	35.2	35.9	36.0	4.54	4.53	4.17
Lea. tan. & fin.	256.46	257.29	239.78	41.1	41.1	41.2	6.24	6.26	5.82
Footwear	151.73	154.07	140.54	34.8	35.5	35.4	4.36	4.34	3.97
Other nondurable	227.26	227.30	208.68	39.8	39.6	39.3	5.71	5.74	5.31

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 313 cooperating establishments representing 59 percent of an estimated 84,360 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including May 12, 1980. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Note: Data for May are on a preliminary basis.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls rose seven cents in May to $5.74 and were 47 cents above the May 1979 level. Average weekly earnings were $230.17 in May, up $2.80 over the month and $20.20 over the year.

The average workweek at 40.1 hours held steady for April and May and was up 0.3 hour from May 1979. With the exception of February and March, the manufacturing workweek has held at 40.0 hours or better since November 1979. Nationally, the factory workweek fell by one hour since November to 39.4 hours in May (not seasonally adjusted).

In durable goods, overall average hourly earnings rose nine cents in May to $5.83 and were 46 cents or 8.0 percent above the May 1979 level. In nondurables, hourly earnings rose three cents over the month to $5.57 and were 44 cents, or 8.6 percent above a year ago.

In nondurables, average hourly earnings increased three cents over the month to $5.57 and 44 cents over the year or 8.6 percent. Because of a shorter workweek, weekly earnings edged up six cents in May to $218.34 but were $17.76 (8.9 percent above May 1979).

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers					
Revised Index					
Current month - May	245.1				
Percent in 12 months	14.4				
Year average		217.7	195.3	181.5	170.5
Percent increase each year		11.5	7.6	6.5	5.8
All Urban Consumers					
New Index					
Current month - May	244.9				
Percent in 12 months	14.4				
Year average		217.4	195.4		
Percent increase each year		11.3	7.7		

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